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SUBJECT: BIOGRAPHIC NOTES ON KEY MEMBERS OF THE WILSON
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1. HAROLD LEVER (AGE 61) CHANCELLOR OF THE DUCHY OF LANCASTER AND SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE PRIME MINISTER ON ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MATTERS. LABOR MP SINCE 1945. ENJOYS CLOSE PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP WITH WILSON. A MILLIONAIRE SOCIALIST WITH A REPUTATION FOR SHREWD FINANCIAL ACUMEN, HE COMMANDS ENORMOUS RESPECT IN BRITISH BUSINESS AND BANKING CIRCLES. ARTICULATE TO THE POINT OF BEING A MONOLOGUIST, LEVER SUFFERED A STROKE IN DECEMBER 1972 WHICH LEFT HIM PARTIALLY PARALYZED. HIS ILLNESS HAS NOT DIMINISHED, HOWEVER, HIS INTELLECTUAL VIGOR, HIS INFECTIOUS ENTHUSIASM, OR HIS VERY CONSIDERABLE CHARM.

2. DR. BERNARD DONOUGHUE (AGE CA.39) POLICY ADVISER TO THE PRIME MINISTER. A POLITICAL SCIENTIST FROM THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND A FORMER DISCIPLE OF HUGH GAITSKELL, HE IS EXCEPTIONALLY BRIGHT AND ABLE. HE WAS APPOINTED IN MARCH 1974 TO HEAD UP A NEW "THINK TANK" CREATED BY THE PRIME MINISTER. IN CONTRAST TO THE CENTRAL POLICY REVIEW STAFF WHICH PUTS UP FORMAL LONG-RANGE
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PAPERS TO THE CABINET, DONOUGHUE'S UNIT IS SMALL (6 OR 7

MEMBERS), HIGHLY POLITICAL, AND REPORTS EXCLUSIVELY TO THE PRIME MINISTER. ITS PRIMARY FUNCTION IS TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT DEPARTMENTAL PROPOSALS AND ASSESS THEIR BROADER POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS. IT GENERATES IDEAS AS WELL, BUT WITH A SHORT AND MEDIUM-RANGE FOCUS.

3. JOE HAINES (AGE MID-40'S) PRESS SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER. A FORMER JOURNALIST, HE SERVED AS DEPUTY PRESS SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER, 1964-70, AND THEN AS WILSON'S PERSONAL PRESS SECRETARY DURING THE YEARS IN OPPOSITION. HE IS INTENSELY LOYAL TO WILSON. PRICKLY, SUSPICIOUS, AND DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH, HE IS GENERALLY DISLIKED BY THE LONDON PRESS CORPS.

4. TOM MCNALLY (AGE 31) POLITICAL ADVISER TO FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN. INTELLIGENT, ARTICULATE, TOUGH-MINDED, A MODERATE SOCIALIST, PRO-AMERICAN, PRO-MARKET, WIDELY TRAVELLED, ESPECIALLY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT AFRICA. TOURED US AS INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANTEE IN 1971. SERVED AS INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE LABOR PARTY FROM 1969 TO 1974. MCNALLY WORKED CLOSELY WITH CALLAGHAN WHILE CALLAGHAN WAS SHADOW FOREIGN SECRETARY, AND WHEN LABOR WAS RETURNED TO POWER IN MARCH 1974, CALLAGHAN TOOK MCNALLY WITH HIM TO THE FCO AS HIS "POLITICAL ADVISER." IN THIS POSITION, MCNALLY QUICKLY WON THE RESPECT OF THE INITIALLY SKEPTICAL PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMATS, AND PROVIDES CONSTRUCTIVE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL LIAISON BETWEEN THEM AND THE FOREIGN SECRETARY.

5. SIR JOHN HUNT (AGE 55) SECRETARY OF THE CABINET SINCE 1973 AND AS SUCH THE MOST POWERFUL CIVIL SERVANT IN GOVERNMENT. SERVED 1972-73 AS DEPUTY TO HIS PREDECESSOR IN THAT POSITION, SIR BURKE TREND. ATTENDS ALL CABINET MEETINGS AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ORGANIZATIONAL BACKUP FOR CABINET DELIBERATIONS AND DECISIONS. A MAN OF OUTSTANDING ABILITY AND GREAT DISCRETION. VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT ECONOMIC SUBJECTS AND PARTICULARLY UK-EC RELATIONS. LED TEAM THAT RECENTLY WENT TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS UK DEFENSE REVIEW.

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6. SIR DONALD MAITLAND (AGE 52) DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY, FCO, SINCE MARCH 1974, WITH OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. HE WAS PRINCIPAL PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS 1967-69, AMBASSADOR TO LIBYA 1969-70, CHIEF PRESS SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER HEATH 1970-73, AND BRIEFLY BRITISH AMBASSADOR AT THE UNITED NATIONS BEFORE ASSUMING HIS PRESENT RESPONSIBILITIES. HE IS ABLE AND

MAKES HIS POINTS CLEARLY AND WITH CONVICTION. HE HAS
CONSIDERABLE KNOWLEDGE OF THE NEAR EAST AND A DEEP UNDER-
STANDING OF THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE DEVELOPING

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COUNTRIES. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, THE FCO HAS TAKEN A
MUCH STRONGER POSITION IN THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WITH
REGARD TO ENERGY
MATTERS, PARTICULARLY RECYCLING AND CONSUMER COOPERATION.
HE PLAYED AN ACTIVE PART DURING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
BILATERAL MEETING WITH CALLAGHAN AT THE DECEMBER 1974
NATO MINISTERIAL, AND HE REPRESENTED CALLAGHAN (WHO WAS
FIGHTING AN ELECTION) AT THE G-5 MEETING IN OCTOBER IN
WASHINGTON. HE IS INFLUENTIAL IN THE FCO AND BASICALLY
SYMPATHETIC TO U.S. OBJECTIVES.

7. LEONARD WILLIAMS (AGE 55) DEPUTY SECRETARY, DEPART-
MENT OF ENERGY. A CAREER CIVIL SERVANT WHO HAS BEEN IN-
VOLVED IN OIL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS FOR SEVERAL YEARS.
SINCE THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE IN FEBRUARY 1974
HE HAS BEEN THE SENIOR OFFICIAL WITHIN HMG RESPONSIBLE
FOR COORDINATING AND REPRESENTING UK VIEWS, FIRST IN THE
ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP AND SUBSEQUENTLY IN THE INTER-
NATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY. WILLIAMS IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE

WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FOR INTERNATIONAL ENERGY POLICY, ENERGY TECHNOLOGY, ENERGY ECONOMICS AND STATISTICS DIVISIONS. WILLIAMS IS SOFT-SPOKEN BUT ARTICULATE. HE EARNED A FINE REPUTATION WITHIN HMG AND OIL INDUSTRY CIRCLES WHEN HE WAS AN UNDER SECRETARY IN CONFIDENTIAL

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THE OLD DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY, IN CHARGE OF THE NORTH SEA PETROLEUM PRODUCTION DIVISION, FOR HIS UNEMOTIONAL, CAREFULLY REASONED APPROACH TO PROBLEMS. IN HIS PRESENT JOB HE HAS SUPPORTED CLOSE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND HAS RESISTED PRESSURES TO ADOPT A STRICTLY BRITAIN-FIRST POSTURE. HE IS WELL-KNOWN TO US DELEGATES TO IEA MEETINGS.

8. SIR DEREK MITCHELL (AGE 52) SECOND PERMANENT SECRETARY, OVERSEAS FINANCE, TREASURY, SINCE 1973. A CAREER CIVIL SERVANT, HE HAS SERVED IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS BUT PRIMARILY WITHIN TREASURY -- FOR THE PERIOD 1969-73 AS BRITAIN'S ECONOMIC MINISTER AND HEAD OF THE U.K. TREASURY & SUPPLY DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON. AT THE SAME TIME HE SERVED AS U.K. DIRECTOR FOR THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND AND THE WORLD BANK IN WASHINGTON. HE ALSO SERVES AS U.K. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE INTERIM COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND. SIR DEREK IS SOFT-SPOKEN, INTELLIGENT AND HIGHLY RESPECTED. IN HIS CURRENT POSITION, HE HAS GIVEN MAJOR IMPETUS TO THE FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF U.K. POSITIONS ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MATTERS. HE IS WELL KNOWN TO THE EMBASSY AND IS A VERY CLOSE AND RELIABLE CONTACT ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MATTERS. WE FIND THAT HE IS VERY FORTHCOMING AND EAGER FOR CLOSE WORKING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. HE OFTEN ACCOMPANIES CHANCELLOR HEALEY ON MINISTERIAL VISITS, MOST RECENTLY TO SAUDI ARABIA.

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